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U.S. CHARGES TWO IN MURDER FOR HIRE PLOT FROM JAIL

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and MARK J. MERSHON, the Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Office of the FBI, announced the arrests today of MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR and OSMAN OZSUSAMLAR on federal charges that they conspired together to arrange a murder for hire while MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR was an inmate in a Manhattan federal detention facility.

According to a criminal Complaint unsealed today, in or about August 2005, MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR, approached an individual in prison who is cooperating with the Government (the "CW") about a man (the "Victim") who allegedly owed OZSUSAMLAR approximately \$283,000. MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR asked the CW whether or not he knew of someone who could kill the Victim. MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR also told the CW that the Victim's children could be kidnapped and

said he would pay the killer 10 percent of the money collected from the Victim.

The Complaint further alleges that on or about August 26, 2005, MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR gave the CW a piece of paper with handwritten information on it. The information included the name of the Victim and the Victim's wife, and their business address. The paper also contained the name of one of MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR's sons in Turkey and had the amount "\$283,000" written on it, which was supposedly the amount of money owed by the Victim. According to the Complaint, at around this time, MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR and his son OSMAN OZSUSAMLAR spoke repeatedly over the telephone from the jail where MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR was held about the Victim and OSMAN OZSUSAMLAR's attempts to find where the Victim lived.

According to the Complaint, an undercover FBI agent (the "UCA") was then introduced as an associate of the CW. The CW provided the UCA's contact information to MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR, who in turn provided it to OSMAN OZSUSAMLAR. The Complaint further alleges that OSMAN OZSUSAMLAR then had a number of telephone calls and a meeting with the UCA concerning collecting the debt from the Victim and then having the Victim murdered. Among those conversations, the UCA asked OSMAN OZSUSAMLAR if he should take care of the Victim (meaning kill the Victim) after collecting the debt, but leave the Victim's wife alone, and OSMAN OZSUSAMLAR responded that it did not matter. Additionally, the

UCA told OSMAN OZSUSAMLAR that "his people" would make it look like a robbery and would "kill" both the Victim and the Victim's wife, to which OSMAN OZSUSAMLAR responded that he understood.

According to the Complaint and other public documents, MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR was convicted after a jury trial in the Southern District of New York, in or about May 2004, of numerous charges of bribery, identification document fraud, and unlawful transportation of illegal aliens, relating to his participation in a conspiracy to bribe a public official to fraudulently provide identification documents to illegal aliens. MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR had previously been convicted in or about September 1995 after trial in the District of New Jersey of numerous immigration and naturalization offenses stemming from his running of a Turkish alien smuggling ring, and his holding a woman hostage at his home in Paterson, New Jersey. MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR is currently awaiting sentencing on his May 2004 convictions and is detained at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan.

MUSTAFA OZSUSAMLAR, 61, was a resident of Paterson, New Jersey, and Manhattan until his arrest in December 2001. OSMAN OZSUSAMLAR, 33, resides in Paterson, New Jersey. Both defendants are scheduled to be presented later today before United States Magistrate Judge DEBRA C. FREEMAN.

Mr. GARCIA praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this case.

Assistant United States Attorneys MIRIAM ROCAH and
ALEXANDER H. SOUTHWELL are in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Complaint are merely
accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and
until proven guilty.

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